

JANUARY



FEBRUARY



MARCH



APRIL



MAY



JUNE

**Marine debris is a problem we can solve together.** Although marine debris is found worldwide, we can all help with the smallest actions. Reduce, reuse, recycle, and participate in local beach or stream cleanups. If we each do a little, together we can make a big difference.



JULY



AUGUST



SEPTEMBER



OCTOBER



NOVEMBER



DECEMBER



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# ABOUT THIS PLANNER...

The art featured in this planner are all original and created by students from across the United States in grades K through 8. Students were asked to answer two simple questions: How does marine debris impact you? What are you doing about it? The 13 pieces of art featured in this planner are the winners of the 2010 “Keep the Sea Free of Debris” Art Contest and were chosen based on creativity, artistic presentation, relevancy to the theme, and how thoroughly students answered the two questions. As you can imagine, choosing only 13 (of the 300+ entries we received) was no easy task! All of them were so great!

A **big thank you** goes out to all of those students who submitted their artwork to us! You, our next generation, have truly inspired and reminded us of why it is that we do what we do every day—protect our oceans.

We hope this planner leaves you with a drive to get involved, like these students, in tackling marine debris, ignites or fuels a passion for protecting our oceans, and leaves you smiling! May you all enjoy this planner as much as we enjoyed making it!



## COVER ARTWORK & ART CONTEST OVERALL WINNER

Artwork title: “Otter Not Litter”  
By Ektaa T. (age 12, 6th grade, from California)

*“Marine debris impacts me because I care for the organisms which live in this environment. Now, I’m recycling and asking other kids at my school to do it too and the bottles, cans, and paper are being reused instead of being dumped in the ocean.”*



## NOAA MARINE DEBRIS PROGRAM

The NOAA Marine Debris Program serves as a centralized marine debris capability within NOAA in order to coordinate, strengthen, and increase the visibility of marine debris issues and efforts within the agency, its partners, and the public. This Program is undertaking a national and international effort focusing on identifying, reducing, and preventing debris in the marine environment. Additionally, the MDP supports and works closely with various partners across the U.S. to fulfill the Program’s mission.

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By Elaine L. (age 10, 4th grade, Florida)  
Art medium: colored pencils & crayons

# JANUARY 2011

*"[Marine debris] impacts me because if a type of marine species goes extinct [because] of the debris, it might affect the food chain. What I do about it is that when visiting the beach, after I drink my juice boxes and water bottles, I throw them in the trash can instead of the sea."*

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
<div>DECEMBER 2010</div> <div></div>		<div>FEBRUARY 2011</div> <div></div>										1	
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		Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday (Observed)											
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## How YOU CAN HELP:

Remember that trash on land can eventually makes its way to the ocean—no matter how far!





By Anolani V. (age 12, 6th grade, Hawaii)  
Art medium: colored pencils & markers

# FEBRUARY 2011

"Marine debris impacts me because it causes unsafe and polluted water, dangerous for marine life and human beings. To help keep the sea free of debris, I would pick up left-over trash that were abandoned on the beach, and would quickly dispose them in the trash can."

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
			Groundhog Day	Chinese New Year		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
						Lincoln's Birthday
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Valentine's Day					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	President's Day (Observed)	Washington's Birthday				
27	28				<div>JANUARY 2011</div> <div></div>	<div>MARCH 2011</div> <div></div>

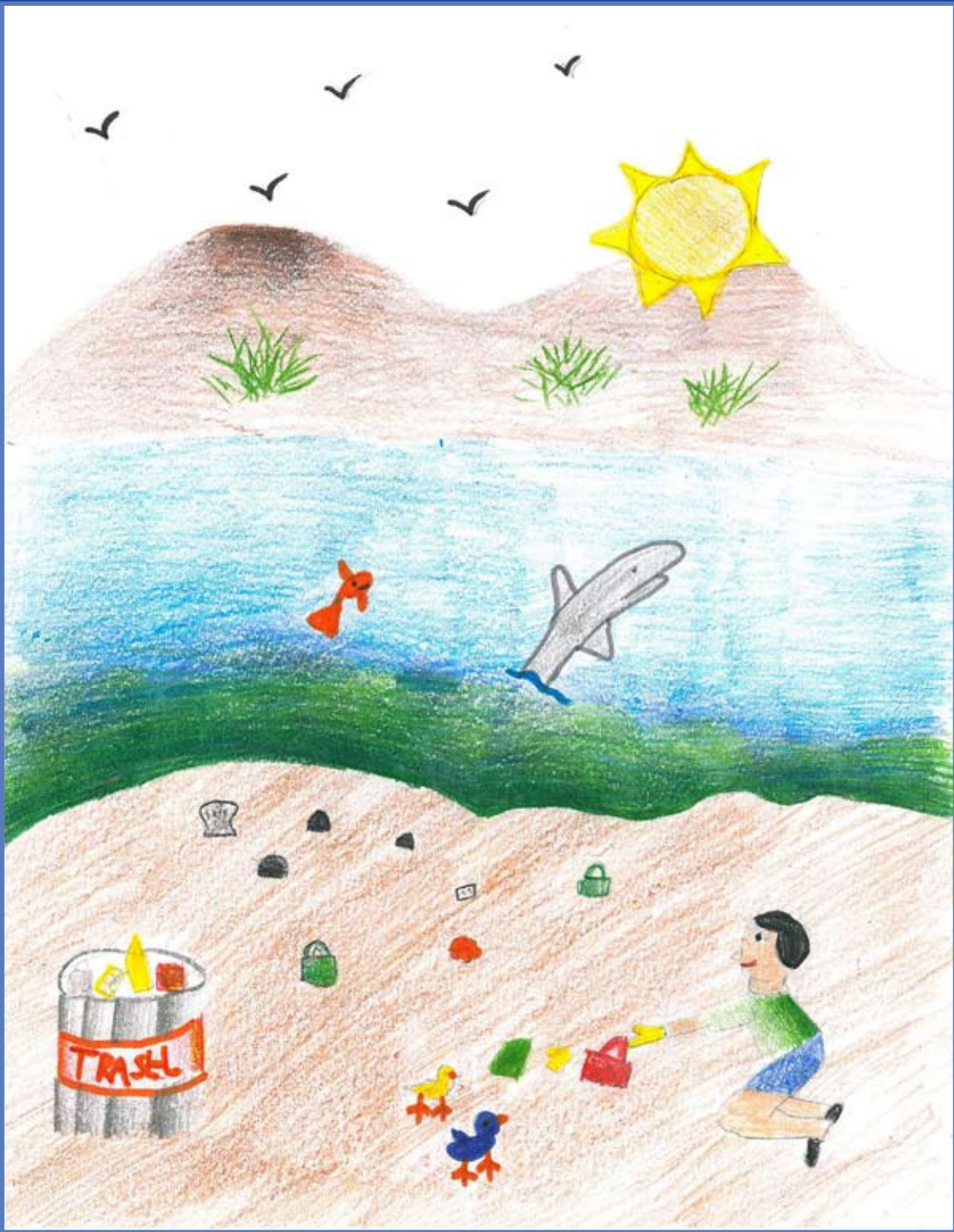


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**HOW YOU CAN HELP:**  
Reuse items whenever possible! Choose reusable items over disposable ones!





By Tricia J. (age 7, 2nd grade, California)  
Art medium: colored pencils & markers

# MARCH 2011

"In my picture, I am showing a boy picking up trash before it goes in the ocean because a fish might eat it and get sick. Also if you throw a can, the sea animals might get hurt. So please help save marine life by not throwing trash."

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			Ash Wednesday			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Daylight Savings Time Begins				St. Patrick's Day		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
First Day of Spring	5th International Marine Debris Conference ~ Honolulu, HI ~ <a href="http://www.5IMDC.org">www.5IMDC.org</a>					
27	28	29	30	31	<div>FEBRUARY 2011</div> <div></div>	<div>APRIL 2011</div> <div></div>



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How YOU CAN HELP:  
Recycle as much as possible! So many items these days can be recycled.





By Kimaya C. (age 12, 6th grade, California)  
Art medium: colored pencils, soft pastels, & oil pastels

# APRIL 2011

"Marine debris directly impacts marine creatures. Yet, every organism in this world is part of one, large food web. Even if one link is missing, all of us in the food web are affected. I recycle as much as possible, and also make attempts to reduce amounts of waste."

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>MARCH 2011</div> <div></div>	<div>MAY 2011</div> <div></div>				1  April Fool's Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17  Palm Sunday	18	19  Passover	20	21	22  Earth Day   Good Friday	23
24  Easter	25	26	27	28	29  Arbor Day	30





By Krish K. (age 7, 1st grade, California)  
Art medium: colored pencils & crayons

# MAY 2011

"I do see people throwing garbage on the road and around sea beaches. Road side there are drains which are for rain water and that goes to sea, and with that the garbage. I make sure that garbage is thrown in correct bins."

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Mother's Day						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
						Armed Forces Day
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	World Turtle Day					
29	30	31			APRIL 2011	JUNE 2011
	Memorial Day					



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How YOU CAN HELP:  
Practice the 3 R's - Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle!











By Sofia H. (age 12, 6th grade, California)  
Art medium: colored pencils & markers

*"In my picture, I drew a child playing at a polluted beach. Marine debris impacts me because it pollutes the air I breathe and ruins the beautiful beaches that I enjoy visiting. I'm trying to help this by recycling, not littering, and using products that aren't harmful to the environment."*

# JULY 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JUNE 2011 	AUGUST 2011 				1	2
3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Parents Day 24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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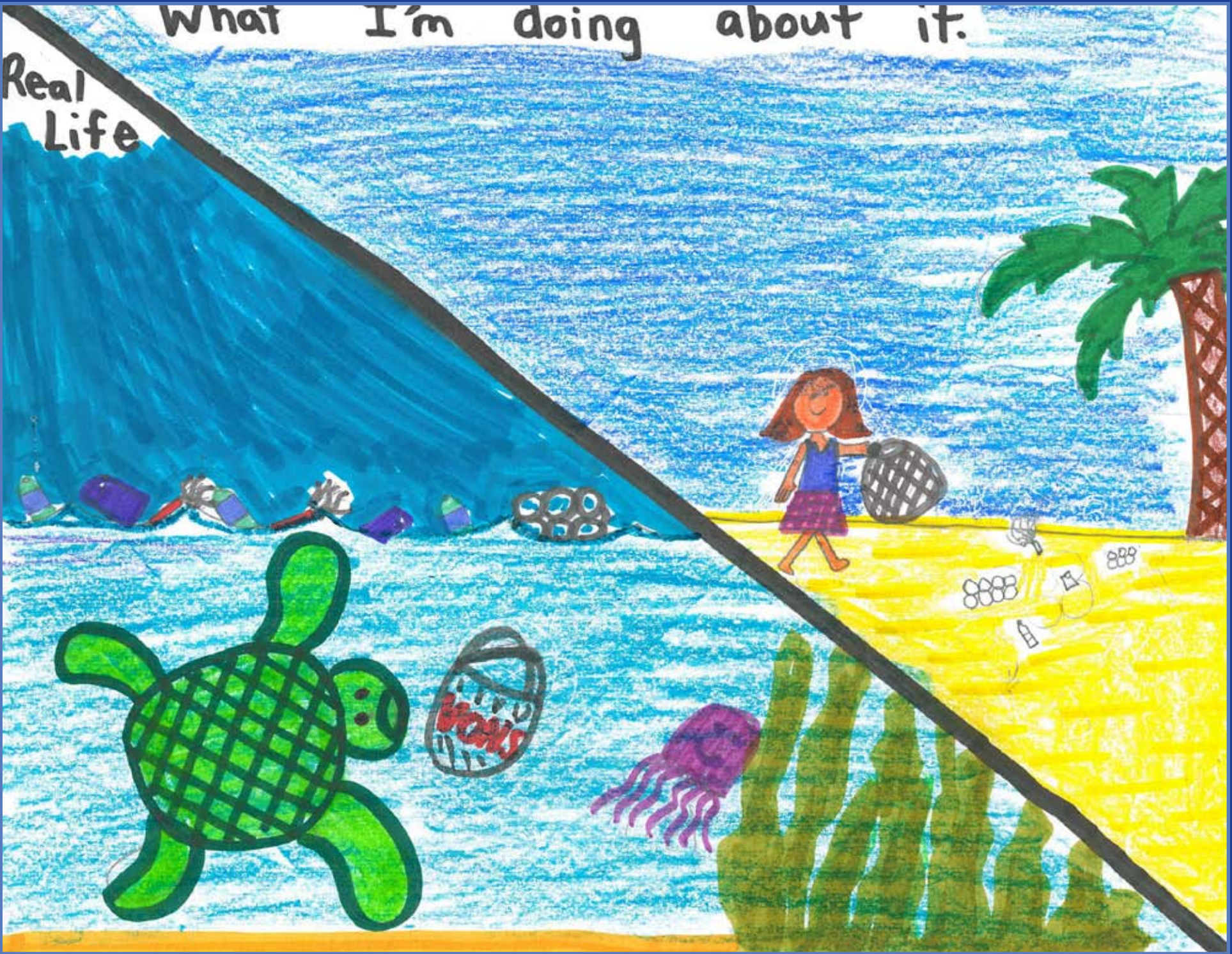
## How YOU CAN HELP:

Leave the beach cleaner than when you got there!











By Annika F. (age 9, 3rd grade, California)  
Art medium: crayons & markers

# SEPTEMBER 2011

"In real life, there is lots of trash in the ocean and sea turtles get confused and eat plastic bags and get killed because they thought it was a jelly fish. To solve that problem, I started doing more beach clean-ups. I have seen a difference already!"

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 4	 5 Labor Day	6	7	1	2	3
11 Grandparents Day	12	13	14	15	16	17 International Coastal Cleanup
18	19	20	21	22	23 First Day of Autumn	24
25	26	27	28 Rosh Hashanah	29	30	

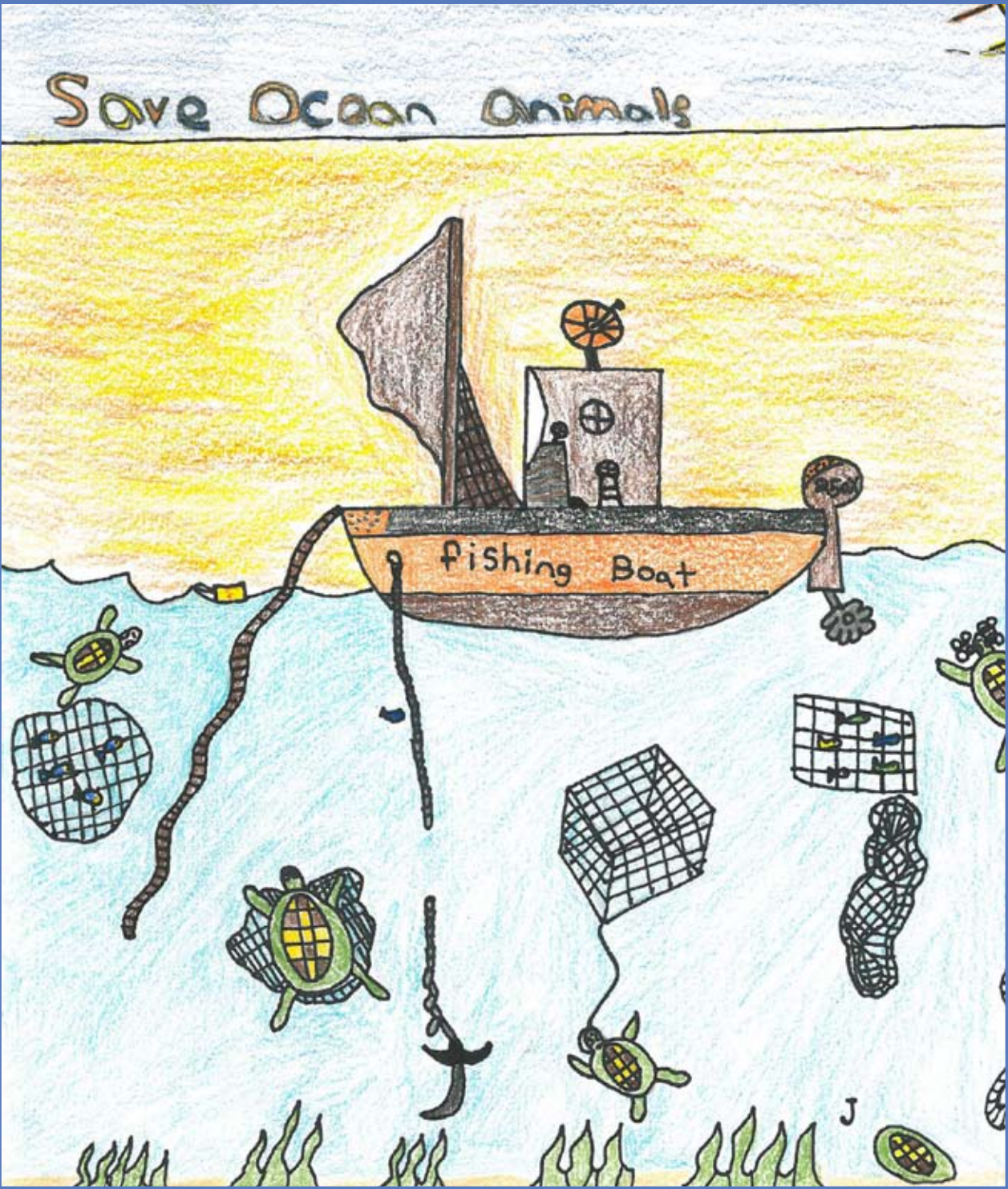


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**How YOU CAN HELP:**  
Join your friends and family and participate in the International Coastal Cleanup!







By William J. (age 11, 5th grade, Virginia)  
Art medium: crayons

# OCTOBER 2011

"I will help every day to stop marine debris and help pick it up so our life day animals can live on forever so our future will have them on forever."

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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						Yom Kippur
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	Columbus Day (Observed)					
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	United Nations Day	24	25	26	27	28
30	31 Halloween					29



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How YOU CAN HELP:  
Reduce the amount of waste or trash  
you produce.





By Dani F. (age 14, 8th grade, Virginia)  
Art medium: colored pencils

# NOVEMBER 2011

*"Having lived near the beach my whole life, I see how much marine debris can harm the environment. Therefore, I believe people should contribute more to keeping the oceans and beaches clean. To help out the community with the marine debris, I don't litter or add more trash to the beaches. I also participate in 'Clean the Bay Day'".*

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Daylight Savings Time Ends		Election Day			Veterans Day	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		America Recycles Day				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				Thanksgiving Day		
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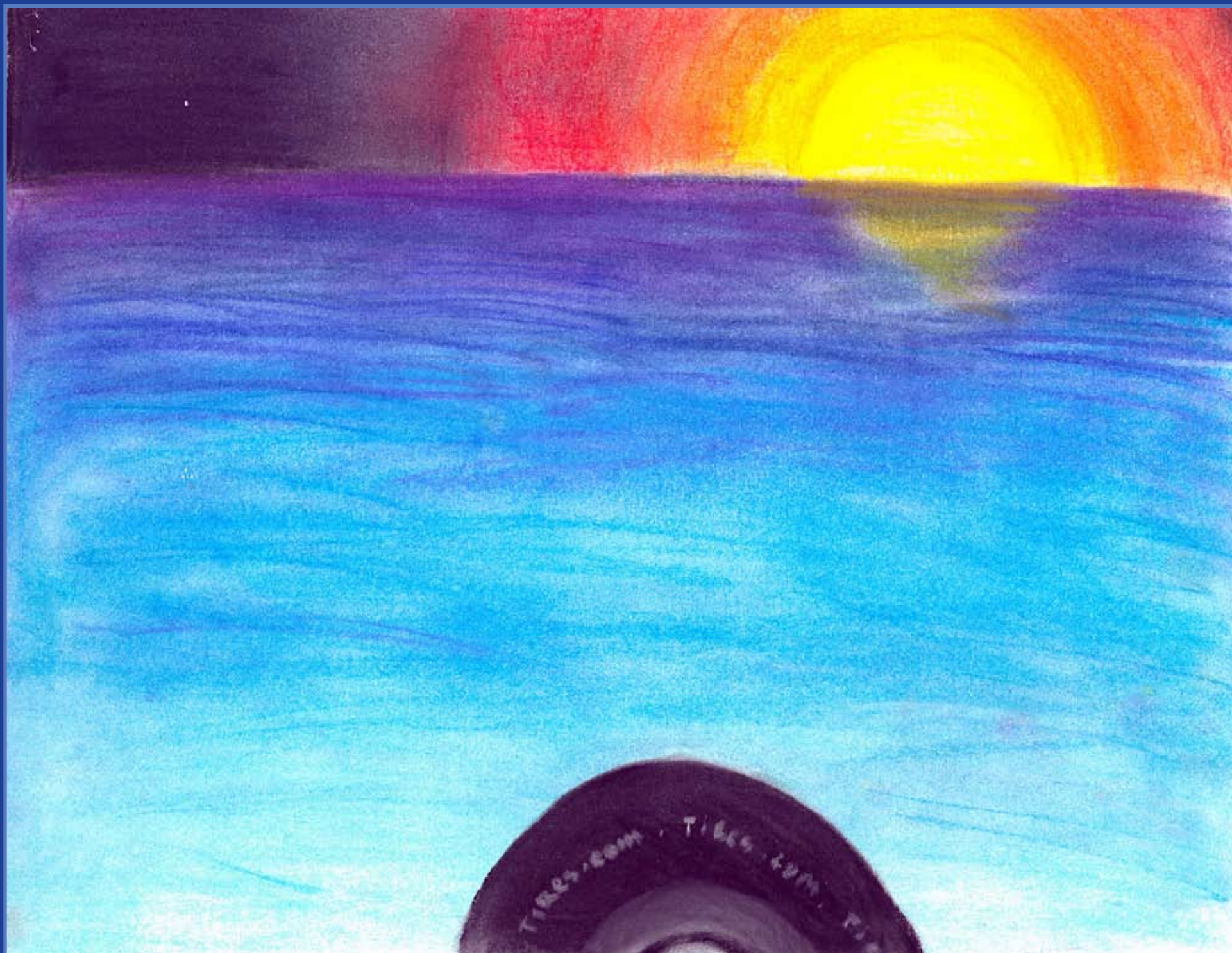
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## How YOU CAN HELP:

Always dispose of your trash properly!





By Caroline K. (age 14, 8th grade, Virginia)  
Art medium: chalk pastels

# DECEMBER 2011

*"I live near the beach, so I often go to play in the water and have a game of beach volleyball. Some people don't have the same respect I do. Trash is always there. For now, the simplest thing I can do is pick it up. Just so the beauty isn't ruined."*

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## How YOU CAN HELP:

Get involved! Participate in beach or stream cleanups in your area!